



The State Council on Developmental Disabilities/ Area Board 6 on Developmental Disabilities

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Why We Were Created

LANTERMAN ACT:

Regional Center System to provide, or secure, necessary services and supports for people with developmental disabilities

Area Boards to ensure that the legal, civil and service rights of people with developmental disabilities are guaranteed



Who We Are

THE BOARD: 15 volunteer members appointed by: the County Board of Supervisors, 2 each from Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tuolumne counties(10); and by the Governor (5)

THE STAFF: Executive Director, LQA Coordinator, Community Program Specialists (2), Office Technician



What We Do

- Protect and advocate for the rights of people with developmental disabilities in the Valley Mountain region;
- Educate people with developmental disabilities and their families, on their rights under federal, state, and local law;
- Assist people to get the services they need;
- Provide technical assistance to self-advocacy organizations;
- Conduct *Life Quality Assessments*;
- Share information on needs and resources in the area;
- Work with other organizations to improve the quality of services, so people with developmental disabilities can live, work and play as they choose in their own community.



When to Call

- Need services;
- Not sure of your rights;
- Wondering who can help;
- For a friend or family member.